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SUBJECT: TURKISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS: US ASSISTANCE

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UNDERSECRETARY SISCO TELEPHONED TURKISH AMBASSADOR
ESENBEL JANUARY 28 TO REINFORCE POINTS AMBASSADOR MADE TO
ELEKDAG PREVIOUS DAY REGARDING US INABILITY TO CONSIDER
TURKISH ASSISTANCE PACKAGE IN EXCESS OF \$200 MILLION GRANT
AND CREDIT MIX WE HAVE PROPOSED. UNDERSECRETARY SAID THAT
WHILE ESENBEL FULLY UNDERSTANDS PREVAILING CONGRESSIONAL
ATTITUDES ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS
FACING THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, HE IS NOT SURE SUCH PROB-

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LEMS ARE AS WELL UNDERSTOOD IN ANKARA. HE ASKED ESENBEL TO

CONVEY TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL AND FOREIGN MINISTER
CAGLAYANGIL THE FORMIDABLE DIFFICULTY THE ADMINISTRATION
ANTICIPATES IN GETTING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF EVEN THE
\$200 MILLION ANNUAL AID PACKAGE WE HAVE PROPOSED TO GOT.
SISCO NOTED THAT THIS IS THE MAXIMUM FIGURE WE BELIEVE
WE HAVE ANY HOPE OF SUSTAINING. HE SAID THAT THE FIGURE
WHICH ELEKDAG SUGGESTED TO AMBASSADOR MACOMBER WAS UTTERLY
IMPOSSIBLE AND TOTALLY OUT OF THE QUESTION AS FAR AS THE US
IS CONCERNED. HE URGED ESENBEL TO EXPLAIN AS PRECISELY AS
POSSIBLE TO THE GOT THE GENERAL MOOD AND SITUATION HERE IN

WASHINGTON AS IT RELATES TO THE QUESTION OF US ASSISTANCE
AND A NEW DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY. KISSINGER

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